IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 25, 29, and 30. The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and listings of the claims in the present application.

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Claims 1-24 (canceled)

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Claim 25 (currently amended): A method of controlling a data communication apparatus in a data processing system that includes the data communication apparatus and a host computer connected to the data communication apparatus by an interface, said method comprising:

a communication step of communicating commands from the host computer to the data communication apparatus through a network an interface,

wherein the data communication apparatus is comprised of units including a scanner, a printer, a storage unit, a line, and a logic ID unit;

a checking step of checking, upon [[the]] receipt of the commands by units of the data communication apparatus, from the host computer operating conditions of the data communication apparatus;

a determination step of determining which units of the data communication apparatus the commands are issued to; and

a notification step of notifying the host computer of the operating conditions in accordance with the command commands from the host computer, and

a setting step of setting in the data communication apparatus one of an on-line mode, to be operated based on a command from the host computer, and an off-line mode, to be operated even without a command from the host computer;

wherein when the data communication apparatus is set in the on-line mode in said setting step, the commands from the host computer take precedence over commands from other sources.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 25, wherein said notification step notifies the host computer of operating conditions comprising a change in status or internal state of the data communication apparatus.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 25, wherein said notification step notifies the host computer of the operating conditions in accordance with a command from the host computer.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The method as recited in Claim 25, wherein the data communication apparatus is included in a facsimile apparatus.

Claim 29 (currently amended): A method of controlling a data processing apparatus in a data processing system that includes the data processing apparatus and a host computer, the data processing apparatus and the host computer being connected to each other

through an interface, and the data processing apparatus being able to communicate with another device through a network without using the interface, said method comprising:

a command reception step of receiving by the data processing apparatus, [[a]]

command commands from the host computer through a network an interface.

wherein the data communication apparatus is comprised of units including a scanner, a printer, storage unit, a line, and a logic ID unit;

a determination step of determining the type of command received in said command reception step, units of the data communication apparatus that the commands are issued to; and

a notification step of notifying the host computer of information in accordance with the commands received in said command reception step through the interface,

wherein the information comprises model type, model version of the data processing apparatus, and cause of a network abnormality information regarding which units of the data communication apparatus the commands are issued to.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 29, wherein said notification step notifies the host computer of [[the]] a model type and [[the]] a model version in one set.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The method as recited in Claim 29, wherein the data processing apparatus is included in a facsimile apparatus.